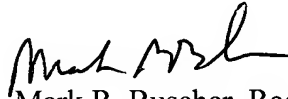


REMARKS

Claims 23-27 remain pending in the present application, while claims 1-22 have been cancelled. Support for the new claims can be found, *inter alia*, on page 8, lines 7-9, and page 14, line 13 and following.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Mark R. Buscher (Reg. No. 35,006) at 703 753 5256.

Respectfully submitted,

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